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FURILE WHALERS HAVE GOOD CATCH -- Bol'shevik Altaya, No 140, 3 Aug 49

Whalers of the Ostrovnoy Whaling Combine (Kurile Islands) operated successfully during July. The amount of whales caught and processed during the past month was three times greater than provided by plan.

The crews of the Musson and Belukha whaling ships are leading in the socialist competition. They pledged to fulfill the year plan by 7 November and are already near completion of their program.

The extraction of oil from blubber has resulted in 90 percent first-grade oil instead of the 30 percent planned.

SALMON EXPEDITION FORCE ARRIVES IN OKHOTSK -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 171,
22 Jul 49

The steamship Inya arrived in Okhotsk from Mago carrying barrels with a capacity of 40,000 centners of fish, and 200 fisherman from collective fisheries in Ul'chskiy, Tak'tinskiy, and Nizhne-Amurskiy rayons who will make expeditionary catches of salmon in the Okhotsk region.

OKHOTSK PREPARED FOR SALMON SEASON -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 174,
26 Jul 49

The majority of enterprises and collective fisheries on the Okhotsk coast have made considerably better preparations for the coming salmon season than for the herring. Of the 53 fixed seines, 50 have already been set out, and the remainder, with an additional 12 above plan, will be set out soon. Enterprises are giving considerable attention to the use of casting seines. Brigades have obtained 130 casting seines for fishing in rivers, gulfs, and bays, and nearly 100 such seines have already been put to use. In a short time, the Novo-Ust'inskiy Plant has caught and collected from collective fishery workers more than 1,000 centners of dog salmon and humpbacked salmon; the Morskoy Plant, 300 centners; and enterprises of the Tauyskiy Combine, 400 centners.

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The enterprises are using combined seines for the first time. These seines are equipped to catch both salmon and herring, and their effectiveness is evidenced by the fact that one brigade caught more than 7,000 centners of herring along with the salmon catch. The casting seines are being modernized. Up to now, casting seines on the Okhotsk coast did not have center pockets, and many fish were lost. Now, all casting seines will have center pockets, which will considerably increase their productivity.

Okhotsk enterprises must make a serious effort to introduce mechanized methods in unloading fish from "Kungasy" at plants situated on the seacoast. The NR-150 and NR-200 pumps, used for pumping herring, are not equipped to carry all types of salmon, and the Chernigiv pumps, which are equipped to pump dog salmon and humpbacked salmon, can be operated only in rivers. The Okhotsk, Severnyy, and Ul'beykiy plants are having great difficulty in unloading fish from the ocean.

KAMCHATKA COMBINES COMPLETE YEAR PLAN -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 170, 21 Jul 49

The Korfovskiy Fish Combine, Kamchatka Oblast, completed the 1949 plan for the state catch ahead of schedule. Fish Plant No 1 took first place in the competition, fulfilling the plan 125 percent.

Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 186, 9 Aug 49

The Bol'sheret'sk Fish Combine completed the 1949 state plan on 5 August, 5 days ahead of their pledge. Cannery No 50 was the first of the combine's enterprises to complete the plan. The combine expects to produce an additional 28,000 centners of fish products by the end of August.

Petrovavlovsk-on-Kamchatka -- On 7 August, the Opalinskiy Fish Combine completed the year plan for catching and processing fish.

CENTRAL AMUR FISH TRUST MEETS YEAR PLAN -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 178, 30 Jul 49

The Central Amur State Fish Trust completed the year plan for catching fish on 27 July. The Central Amur Motorized Fishing Station fulfilled its year plan 117.6 percent. Almost all of the processed fish has been delivered to consumers, and the trust's enterprises fulfilled the quality index plan 100 percent. The trust is now preparing for the fall season.

BEST NIZHNE-AMUR FISHERIES LISTED -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 175, 27 Jul 49

The best results in the June competition among Nizhne Amur Oblast fish enterprises and rayons were achieved by Ul'chskiy Rayon, which has caught more than double the yearly quota. The Da-Eastri Plant, exceeding the year plan almost 100 percent, was the leader among the enterprises. Nizhne-Amur and Takhtinskiy rayons and the Dzhaore and Maril'sk fish plants were also cited for good work during the spring-summer season.

NIZHNEYE-PRONGE COMBINE TOPS PLAN -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 167, 17 Jul 49

The Nizhneye-Pronge Fish Combine of the Nizhne-Amur State Fish Trust completed 243 percent of the fishing plan for the first 6 months 1949. The combine's cannery completed the year plan for production of preserved hors d'oeuvres, producing 50,000 cans above the plan. The can factory substantially exceeded the 6-month plan.

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CHUMIKAN COMBINE TOPS YEAR PLAN -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 189, 12 Aug 49

The Chumikan Fish Combine, Nizhne-Amur Oblast, completed ahead of schedule its year plan for catching and processing fish. The combine has caught and processed 1,300 centners of fish above plan.

LOW QUALITY MARKS AMUR FISH PRODUCTION -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 189, 12 Aug 49

The poor quality of production in the Nizhne-Amur State Fishing Trust has become a serious matter. The trust and its enterprises have made every effort to increase the catch, but have done nothing to improve shore installations and processing shops. In 1948, the trust exceeded the fishing plan 150 percent, but had many losses from defective production. The trust produced only 12 tons of high-quality fish and only one fifth of its output was first class. The remainder was second and third class, of which some was not even accepted by trading organizations. Stepanov, director, and Panov, chief engineer, have done nothing to improve quality this year. In the first 6 months, of the trust's total output, "Amurysbyt" (Amur Fish Sales) obtained only 2½ percent of top grade products, 15 percent first class, 38 percent second class, and 44 percent third class. The assortment was extremely limited.

FIRST OCEAN SALMON PUMPS PRODUCED -- Molodoy Dal'nevostoknik, No 150, 9 Aug 49

The Khabarovsk Machinery Plant of "Glavvostokrybtara" (Main Administration of Eastern Fish-Packing Materials Industry) has started production of large 12-inch fish pumps. The installation consists of a motor and pump mounted on one frame and weighing 4 tons. The pump has two corrugated hoses, one of which is lowered into the net bag or hold of the "kurgasy," while the other discharges fish into the hydroconveyor. The pump installation is mounted on freight "kurgasy." Its capacity is 120 tons of salmon per hour, or nearly 2 tons per minute. The "kurgasy" can be unloaded in 15 - 20 minutes, whereas formerly it took almost 2 hours.

The plant has already produced five 12-inch pumps which have been sent to Kamchatka for further testing. The 1950 plan calls for production of 50 of these pumps.

Molodoy Dal'nevostoknik, No 151, 10 Aug 49

The new 12-inch pump has been designed to handle dog salmon and hump-backed salmon, whereas the previous type was designed only for handling herring.

On 9 August, the director of the Khabarovsk Machinery Plant received a telegram from Sukheruchenko, Vice-Minister of Fish Industry USSR, who is now visiting the Kamchatka Fish Combine imeni Mikoyan, stating that the combine's tests of the new pump have exceeded all expectations. The capacity of one pump is 10 centners of fish per minute or 60 tons per hour [sic. See above.] Use of the pump frees 200 workers.

BARREL SHORTAGE SLOWS Khabarovsk FISH OUTPUT -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 175, 27 Jul 49

Every year, Khabarovsk Kray fishing enterprises incur large losses because of the lack of packing materials for fish products. In 1948, Okhotsk enterprises' losses above plan amounted to 14,000 centners because of improper packing for transport. The packing materials situation continues to be serious this year. Okhotsk enterprises have stopped packing herring because of the shortage of barrels. More than 80 percent of the fish caught this spring still remain in salting tanks.

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Workers of the packing materials department of "Glavamurymprom" (Main Administration of the Amur Fish Industry) are mainly at fault in this. It has been known for a long time that a tremendous number of incomplete units of packing materials had accumulated at the Okhotsk enterprises. Barrels with a total capacity of 130,000 centners cannot be used because of the shortage of heading materials. The department has not made regular shipments of lumber to the Okhotsk plants, with the result that their cooper shops have remained idle. The month plan for assembling barrels at the Okhotsk plant had been only 3.4-percent completed during the first 10 days of July.

The year plan for barrel output at the Kamchatka fish plants was only 11-percent completed during the first 6 months of 1949.

Fish plants are also at fault in not providing efficient operation of their packing materials shops. "Glavvostokrybtara" (Main Administration of the Eastern Fish-Packing Materials Industry), which is situated in the Kray, has not been meeting its production plans. Large consignments of defective packing units have been shipped to the Okhotsk plants by the administration.

The situation can be improved only by supplying plants and combines with sufficient lumber supplies and complete units of barrels and boxes, by improving the operation of cooper shops, and by sharply increasing the output of enterprises of "Glavvostokrybtara."

Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 176, 28 Jul 49

Okhotsk fish enterprises are scheduled to pack 5,150 centners of fresh-salted fish every day. The work, however, is going extremely slowly throughout the Okhotsk State Fish Trust. The Okhotsk Fish Plant, scheduled to pack 400 centners of herring per day, is meeting only one-quarter of this goal. The Ostrovnoy Plant of the Inskiy Combine, although it was the first to complete the catch, has not yet started to pack fish. More than 600 centners of herring remain unpacked from last year's catch at the Severnyy Plant of the Ul'binskiy Combine. Part of this lot has deteriorated from first to third class fish, and part is a complete loss.

The packing and shipping of fish is being delayed mainly because of shortages of packing materials. Enterprises of the trust are meeting only 50 percent of the plan for barrels and 14 percent for boxes. "Glavvostokrybtara," which has been called upon to supply barrels and boxes to Okhotsk plants, has been sending many defective materials. Sometimes only 5 percent of the consignments can be used. Production of packing materials at the plants should be encouraged in order to overcome the shortage.

KAMCHATKA TECH ATTRACTS STUDENTS IN DISTANT AREAS -- Melody Dal'nevostochnik, No 151, 10 Aug 49

The Petropavlovsk Maritime Fish Industry Technical School attracts students from such distant points as Altay Kray, Kazan', Samarkand, Sverdlovsk, Moscow, Penza, Kazakh SSR, Buryat-Mongol ASSR, and others.

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